(iv) Nationwide training programme for training two functionaries from each of the 815 blood banks supported by NACO has started.

Reimbursement for Treatment at Apollo Hospital

4310. SHRI ANIL SHARMA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the expenditure incurred on treatment of CGHS beneficiaries as out door patients in Apollo Hospital, New Delhi is reimbursable by Government; if so, the extent to which it is so reimbursable, and

(b) if not, the reasons and the relevant rules in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM) : (a) Indraprastha Apollo hospital is recognised under CGHS for availing of treatment/investigation in OPD or indoor treatment with prior approval of the competent authority on completion of the prescribed formalities. The expenditure on account of treatment is reimbursed to the beneficiaries in accordance with the orders issued by the Govt, vide O.M. Nos. S. 11011/6/96-CGHS(P) dated 11-6-97 and S. 12020/4/97-CGHS(P) dated 7-4-99.

(b) In view of (a) above the question does not arise.

Grant-in-aid for State Illness Assistance Fund

4311. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the States which have so far set up the State Illness Assistance Fund;

(b) the details of grants-in-aid released to States from the National Illness Assistance Fund during the last three years; and

(c) the main criteria for determining the amount of grant-in-aid to be released to a State ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NT. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) The following States/UTs have set up Illness Assistance Fund and Grant-in-aid released to them, year-wise, are as under :—